

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**In Re Application of: Aurell, Macedo, Minidis, and Yousefi-Salakdeh**Serial No.: **10/560,764**Group Art Unit: **1621**Filed: **December 13, 2005**Examiner: **Lalitha Nagubandi**Confirmation No.: **7402****Title: Process for Preparing (2S)-3-(4-{2-[amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxy propanoic acid Derivatives**

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Dear Sir:

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In response to the Office Action dated February 16, 2007, in connection with the above-identified patent application, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration. The period for reply has been extended to and through June 16, 2007 by submission of a petition and fee herewith.

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